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SUBJECT: LAO DELEGATION TO THE SOVIET COMMUNIST PARTY CONGRESS

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1. THE CABINET OF THE PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF
LAOS IN AN EXTRAORDINARY SESSION ON FEBRUARY 20, 1976,
"DECIDED" TO SEND A DELEGATION OF THE LAO PEOPLE'S
REVOLUTIONARY PARTY TO THE 25TH CONGRESS OF THE SOVIET
COMMUNIST PARTY. THE DELEGATION WILL BE HEADED BY
SECRETARY GENERAL (AND PRIME MINISTER) KAYSONE PHOMVIHANE.
ITS MEMBERS WILL BE SISOMPHONE LOVANSAY, POLITBUPM
MEMBER (AND VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE SUPREME PEOPLE'S
ASSEMBLY), AND SANAN SOUTHICHAK, CENTRAL COMMITTEE
MEMBER (AND MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS, PUBLIC WORKS
AND TRANSPORTATION). THE PARTY NEWSPAPER SIENG
PASASON ON FEBRUARY 21 REFERRED TO THREE OTHER MEMBERS
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OF THE DELEGATION BUT DID NOT NAME THEM.

2. THE GROUP LEFT VIENTIANE FOR MOSCOW ON SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21, ON THE REGULAR AEROFLOT FLIGHT. SINCE THIS JOURNEY WAS FOR PARTY PURPOSES ONLY, NON-COMMUNIST MEMBERS OF THE DIPLOMATIC CORPS WERE NOT INVITED TO THE AIRPORT SEND-OFF CEREMONY. THE COMMUNIST ELEMENT OF THE CORPS TURNED OUT IN FORCE, HOWEVER.

3. COMMENT: KAYSONE'S PREVIOUS STATEMENT TO AFP (REFTEL) THAT HE WOULD HEAD A LAO DELEGATION TO THE SOVIET PARTY CONGRESS MUST HAVE TAKEN SOME OF THE SPONTANEITY OUT OF THE CABINET'S DECISION.
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